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Election/Restrictions

1. The Examiner has identified six patentably distinct species for this claimed invention, Species I - VI. Under 35 USC 121, applicant elects Species III, represented by drawings Fig. 7 through 11, as the single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant believes that Claims 1 through 4 and 6 read on this species, and wishes to continue prosecution of the application on this basis.

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